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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 41-70 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 41-47 and 53-70 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 48-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 51 and 52 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

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Applicant: Brand, Joseph

Examiner: Pershelle Greene

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 48-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki (U.S. Patent # 5,444,294), in view of Sua et al. ((U. S. Patent # 5,663,105).

As to claim 48, Suzuki discloses lead frame assemblies with voltage reference plane and IC packages having all of the claimed subject matter:

A. “a housing ... memory circuit” is met by the housing 8 enclosing a semiconductor die 1 shown in figure 1 and described in column 7 lines 8-16 of the specification; and

B. “a heat sink ... outside the housing” is met by the heat sink 2 positioned in heat-receiving relation with the semiconductor die 1 and configured to release heat outside the housing 8.

Suzuki fails to explicitly show a semiconductor die comprising a memory circuit.

Sua et al. is cited for showing a semiconductor device package side-by-side stacking and mounting system. Specifically, Sua et al. discloses a semiconductor die comprising a memory circuit. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the semiconductor die of Sua et al. with the device of Suzuki for the purpose of saving space on the printed circuit board with max cooling.

As to claim 49, Suzuki shows, in figure 2B, the heat sink 2 comprising at least one lead 5 configured to conduct heat externally of the housing 8.

As to claim 50, Suzuki teaches, in column 1 lines 5-10, that the housing forms one of a vertical surface mounted package and a horizontal surface mounted package.

Claim Objections

1. Claims 51 and 52 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 41-47 and 51-70 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pershelle Greene whose telephone number is 703-305-3870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am - 5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on 703-308-6601. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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